

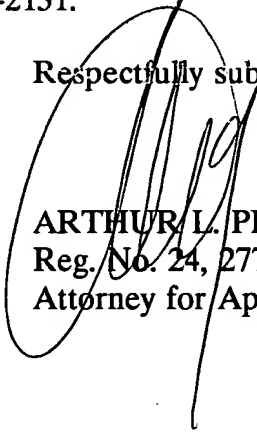
receptacle member. However, the '210 device further requires a separate ring member to secure a flexible sheet member over on end of the tubular member bore. As such, Solazzi '210 fails to teach an arrangement by which a sealed receptacle compartment can be created by inserting the receptacle member into the tubular member, as positively recited in new Claim 21. Moreover, with particular reference to Claim 23, although Solazzi '210 does teach the use of an interlocking circumferential bead and recess, it does not disclose an annular collar on the receptacle member which engages a circumferential edge of tubular member when interlocking has been achieved.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 1-15, as amended in the amendment filed June 21, 1993, and newly submitted Claims 21-24, patentably distinguish over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the earliest possible notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the applicant requests that he contact the applicant's attorney at (908) 572-5858 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved by Examiner's Amendment without the necessity of issuing a further Office Action.

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Four claims are added by this amendment, increasing the number of claims from 20 to 24. Accordingly, the fee due as a result of this amendment is believed to be \$44.00. A check for this amount is submitted herewith. If additional fees are due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 16-2131.

Respectfully submitted,


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